

I am writing to express my opposition to Sinclair Broadcasting's recent order to their stations to air the anti-John Kerry film "Stolen Honor" shortly before the upcoming presidential election.

I enjoy the programming on the Sinclair station in my area, but I do not appreciate the company's attempt to use public airwaves to influence voters. This is clearly inappropriate, and gives the impression that Sinclair has no regard for its obligation to serve the public interest.

This incident illustrates the problems with media consolidation and presents a good case for strengthening media ownership rules. I believe that broadcasters should be required to reserve much more space than they currently do for locally-produced programming directed to specific local audiences. While some national programming is appropriate, it shouldn't be driven by owners' ideology, and Sinclair's attempt to get around equal time requirements by presenting propaganda as news is especially troubling.

Thank you for your attention; I hope you will consider these issues carefully when Sinclair applies for the renewal of its license to broadcast over WSTR (Star 64) in Cincinnati.